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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Commissioner :

This responds to the final Office Action dated September 14, 2006.

Claims 1-16 remain pending.

The examiner suggested on page 6 of the Office Action that an affidavit from an inventor providing evidence of unexpected results would be relevant to the examiner's determination of whether the independent Claims 1 and 12 are patentable over the Hoelen reference. It is inferred by Applicants' attorney that an affidavit showing unexpected and surprising results would help to distinguish the pending claims over the Hoelen reference and perhaps result in allowance of the claims. Accordingly, a declaration by one of the co-inventors is enclosed describing the invention and describing how the results are an improvement over the prior art and were unexpected and surprising.

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